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(iii) The Normative references clause lists other documents that are referenced in the Standard as part of requirements.

(iv) The Terms and definitions clause defines important terms to help with understanding the Standard.

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(3) A Bibliography lists documents referenced in the Standard but not as part of requirements.

Many Standards include notes. Notes provide recommendations and/or guidance only. They never contain requirements.

Preface

This document was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MS-012, Road Signs and Traffic Signals, to supersede AS 1742.6:2014.

The objective of this document is to specify requirements for traffic control devices that direct road users to tourist facilities, including attractions and features of tourist interest, and to service facilities on all roads, including expressway type roads. It also specifies requirements for the marking of tourist drives.

A list of all parts of the AS 1742 series can be found in the Standards Australia online catalogue.

The major changes in this edition are as follows:

(a) Deletion of definitions already provided in AS 1742.0.

(b) The addition of new signs and alterations to, or deletion of, existing signs resulting from the revision of the AS 1742 series.

(c) Addition of a clause on reassurance signs, together with information on the signing of facilities.

(d) Inclusion of a new Appendix A which covers the distinction between tourist and service signs.

(e) Appendix B, Symbols for use on tourist signs, updated to include new symbols.

(f) Appendix C, Symbols for use on service signs, updated to include reference to electric vehicle charging facilities.

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Introduction

Tourist and services signing primarily concerns traffic management through the efficient and safe direction of traffic to facilities. Bans on commercial advertising and the restrictions on promotional material specified in Clause 1.7 are needed to help achieve this.

Signing of facilities is only one part of an effective visitor or traveller information system. It needs to be supplemented with maps, printed or digital material, together with written and verbal advice through appropriate media.

Signs need to be user friendly and meaningful to the traveller. Consistent application among road authorities of the sign design and content requirements of this document is essential to ensure that signs are recognized as authoritative providers of information.

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1 Scope and general

1.1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for traffic control devices that direct road users to tourist facilities, including attractions and features of tourist interest, and to service facilities on all roads, including expressway type roads. It also specifies requirements for the marking of tourist drives.

1.2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document.

AS 1742.0, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 0: Glossary of terms*

AS 1742.2, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 2: Traffic control devices for general use*

AS 1742.5, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 5: Street name and community facility name signs*

AS 1742.15, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 15: Direction signs, information signs and route numbering*

AS 1743, *Road signs — Specifications*

AS 1744, *Standard alphabets for road signs*

AS 1906.1, *Retroreflective materials and devices for road traffic control purposes, Part 1: Retroreflective sheeting*

1.3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in AS 1742.0 and the following apply.

1.3.1
may
indicates the existence of an option

1.3.2
shall
indicates that a statement is mandatory

1.3.3
should
indicates a recommendation

1.4 Specification of signs and devices

Specifications for the manufacture of traffic signs are given in AS 1743.

Standard alphabets for road signs are given in AS 1744.

Requirements for the reflectorization and illumination of signs that are intended to convey their messages during the hours of darkness are provided in AS 1742.2.

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